

## FAITHFUL MINISTERS

*"THEN PHILIP OPENED HIS MOUTH, AND BEGAN AT THE SAME SCRIPTURE, AND PREACHED UNTO HIM JESUS" (ACTS 8:35)*

Philip didn't preach a theology, he didn't preach a personal opinion, he didn't preach a pet doctrine or an issue, beloved he preached a person; he opened his mouth, and from the scriptures he preached the Lord Jesus Christ.

All faithful ministers, men sent of God, preach Christ Jesus and Him crucified; they don't preach themselves—they are not men pleasers, they are your servants for His sake. (2 CORINTHIANS 4:5)

Beloved, I pray that the LORD will ever enable me to open my mouth and preach to you JESUS. That through His undeserved grace, He will ever make me to be your faithful minister of Christ [COL 1:7].

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## By Him

*"...PEACE THROUGH THE BLOOD OF HIS CROSS, BY HIM TO RECONCILE ALL THINGS UNTO HIMSELF; BY HIM..." (COLOSSIANS 1:20)*

The message of the Gospel is seen here in these two words "by Him"; the 'Him' of the gospel is Christ. Beloved, can you hear the gospel of our salvation in these two words here in verse 20? 'By Him'! It does not say 'by you' beloved. The gospel is not; "Jesus did all He could, now please won't you let Him save you!" No beloved, He did it all! "He did it all, all to Him I owe." Jesus paid it all, "All to Him I owe; Sin had left a crimson stain, and He washed it white as snow." (HEBREWS 1:3) The Him of the Gospel is our Lord Jesus Christ. Beloved, on that day, every sinner found believing, trusting, resting on Christ will be presented by Him, "holy and unblameable and unreprouvable in His sight" (COL 1:22).

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## HIS PURCHASED POSSESSION

*"...THE PURCHASED POSSESSION, UNTO THE PRAISE OF HIS GLORY" (EPH 1:14)*

Beloved, the earnestness of our inheritance is that we are His purchased possession, purchased with His precious blood. We are and will be redeemed in that day, unto the praise of His glory, not ours. All of God's people, through His unmerited grace and revelation, are made to know, believe and rejoice in this—Christ is the author and finisher of their faith; they are kept through His faithfulness, and not their own. (HEBREWS 12:2, 1 PETER 1:5)

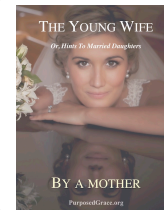
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not the SON OF GOD  
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### **“IF WE SIN WILFULLY...”**

*“IF WE SIN WILFULLY AFTER THAT WE HAVE RECEIVED THE KNOWLEDGE OF THE TRUTH,  
THERE REMAINETH NO MORE SACRIFICE FOR SINS, BUT A CERTAIN FEARFUL LOOKING  
FOR OF JUDGMENT, AND FIERY INDIGNATION, WHICH SHALL DEVOUR THE ADVERSARIES”*

(HEBREWS 10:26, 27)

Awful words! enough to make one's heart tremble, excite a holy fear, and provoke a godly jealousy. Willful sins bring on woeful complaints. Yes, says a soul, I find it so by woeful [dreadful] experience: I have received the knowledge of the truth of salvation by Christ Jesus, and oh what have I done! Sinned wilfully, and now I must be damned eternally; there is no hope, nor help; my sin is unpardonable: *“there remaineth no more sacrifice for sins, but a certain, fearful looking for of judgment.”* I am shut up in despair. I wait with terror my dreadful doom.—Stop a little; write not such bitter things against thyself. True, thou art condemned for thy past wicked conduct. It is proper you should take shame to yourself, and repent in dust and ashes. But this text never was intended to drive to despair, even the willful sinner, who sees and is sorry for his vile conduct. Consider, if every willful sin is unpardonable, after a person has received the knowledge of the truth, the whole must be condemned for ever: not one sinner would be saved. If so, that word could not be true, *“The blood of Jesus Christ cleanseth from all sin,”* (1 JOHN 1:7). Then backsliding sinners must perish without hope. God himself must prove false to His word; *“I will heal their backslidings,”* (HOSEA 14:4.) And Christ must be a

false prophet when He declares, *“All manner of sin and blasphemy shall be forgiven unto men,”* (MATTHEW 12:31). Consider well, two words in this text. 1. *“There remaineth no more sacrifice for sins.”* Now, this willful sin, is rejecting the one sacrifice of JESUS—treading under foot the Son of God—accounting His blood an unholy thing, and expecting to be saved some other way. Here is a total apostasy and final unbelief. Whereas your guilty conscience seeks no sacrifice beside the one offering of the Son of God. 2. Mind, it is the adversary who is to be devoured. Is your heart set against CHRIST? Do you turn from HIM? Do you desire to have nothing to do with HIM? Oh no? I will answer for you, the one desire of your soul is to be pardoned through HIM, accepted in HIM, and saved by HIM. Then you are not an adversary to CHRIST. You shall not be devoured. This text no more belongs to you, than to angels in heaven. But this does: *“This is a faithful saying, and worthy of all acceptation, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners”* (1 TIMOTHY 1:15).

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### **REFORMED?**

*“COME OUT OF HER, MY PEOPLE, THAT YE BE NOT PARTAKERS OF HER SINS,  
AND THAT YE RECEIVE NOT OF HER PLAGUES”*

(REVELATION 18:4)

A very popular term in our day is the term “reformed.” People who believe the doctrines of grace are generally referred to as “reformed,” or believing the “reformed faith.” This is supposed to mean that they find their roots in the Protestant reformation. But I am not so sure this is a good term. Here's why.

“The faith” is not a product of the Protestant reformation. It comes from the word of God. It is called in God's word *“The faith,” “the common faith,”* and *“the faith of God's elect.”* It never was corrupted and never needed reforming! It is perfect!

Another problem with this is that God's word to us is not to “reform” a corrupted religious system, but *“Come out of her My people, that ye be not partakers of her sins, and that ye receive not of her plagues”* (REVELATION 18:4).

I thank God for those men called “the reformers” and what they did. But do we want to be identified with “the reformed faith” or *“the faith of God's elect?”* (TITUS 1:1) GOD's elect prefer the latter.

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